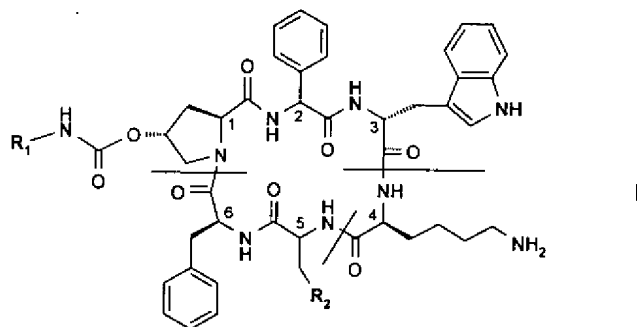


### Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

### Listing of Claims:

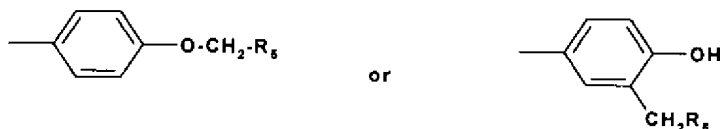
1. (previously presented): A process for producing a compound of formula I



wherein

$R_1$  is  $-C_{2-6}$ alkylene- $NR_3R_4$ ,  $-C_{2-6}$ alkylene-guanidine or  $-C_{2-6}$ alkylene-COOH wherein each of  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  independently is H,  $C_{1-4}$ alkyl,  $\omega$ -hydroxy- $C_{2-4}$ alkylene or acyl or  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached a heterocyclic group which may comprise a further heteroatom, and

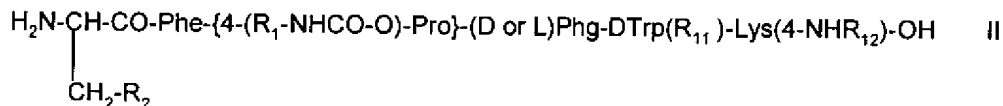
$R_2$  is  $Z_1-CH_2-R_5$ ,  $-CH_2-CO-O-CH_2-R_5$ ,



wherein  $Z_1$  is O or S and  $R_5$  is optionally substituted phenyl,

or a salt thereof,

comprising cyclizing a linear somatostatin analogue of formula II



with a cyclizing agent selected from O-(benzotriazol-1-yl)-N,N,N',N'-tetramethyluronium-hexafluorophosphate and 1-hydroxybenzotriazole,

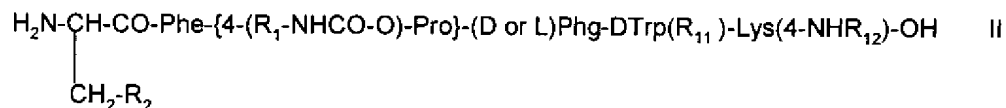
wherein  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are as defined above,

each of  $R_{11}$  and  $R_{12}$ , independently, is an amino protecting group

whereby when  $R_1$  comprises a terminal  $\text{NH}_2$ , this terminal  $\text{NH}_2$  is also protected by an amino protecting group,

and where required removing the protecting group(s),  
and recovering a compound of formula I thus obtained in free form or in salt form.

2. (original): A process according to claim 1 comprising cyclizing a linear somatostatin analogue of formula II



wherein  $\text{R}_1$  is  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{NR}_3\text{R}_4$ ,  $\text{R}_2$  is 4-benzyloxy-phenyl, and  $\text{R}_3$ ,  $\text{R}_4$ ,  $\text{R}_{11}$  and  $\text{R}_{12}$  are as defined in claim 1,

whereby when  $\text{R}_1$  comprises a terminal  $\text{NH}_2$ , this terminal  $\text{NH}_2$  is also protected by an amino protecting group,

and where required removing the protecting group(s),

and recovering a compound of formula I thus obtained in free form or in salt form wherein  $\text{R}_1$  is  $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}_2-\text{NR}_3\text{R}_4$  and  $\text{R}_2$  is 4-benzyloxy-phenyl.

3-4. (canceled).

5. (currently amended): A compound of formula II according to claim 2 3 which is selected from H-Tyr(Bzl)-Phe-(2S,4R)-4-(Boc-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-NH-CO-O)-Pro-DPhg-DTrp(Boc)-Lys(Boc)-OH, H-Tyr(Bzl)-Phe-(2S,4R)-4-(Boc-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-NH-CO-O)-Pro-Phg-DTrp-Lys(Boc)-OH and H-Tyr(Bzl)-Phe-(2S,4R)-4-(Boc-NH-CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-NH-CO-O)-Pro-Phg-D-Trp(Boc)Lys(Boc)-OH or a salt thereof.

6. (canceled).